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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

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1. IN LIGHT OF TELEPHONE PROBLEMS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE USE OF COMMERCIAL CARRIERS TO TAKE A MESSAGE ACROSS THE CONFRONTATION LINE. SHOULD WE ASSUME THAT SUCH MESSAGES WILL BE INSPECTED OR INTERCEPTED IN SOME WAY? THEORETICALLY, SUCH MESSAGES COULD BE PHRASED SO AS TO AVOID PINPOINTING EXACT BOAT AND ETA FOR OUR TRAVELLERS, BUT WE WOULD PREFER MINIMIZE SECURITY RISKS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

2. IS THERE SOMEONE, SUCH AS FRENCH CHARGE, WHO MAKES TRIPS REGULARLY TO CHRISTIAN CONTROLLED LEBANON WHOM YOU MIGHT EMPLOY INSTEAD? KISSINGER

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